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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2015

Present: Mrs. Silverman, Ms. Carney, Mr. Holman

7:00 pm: Ms. Carney called meeting to order.

PRIMARY:

*** **APPROVE MINUTES** Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved. 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes, Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman – yes.

*** **APPROVE MANIFESTS** Mrs. Silverman made a motion to approve the manifests. Ms. Carney seconded. Approved. 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes, Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman – yes.

*** **BUILDING PERMIT**

Map 02, Lot 10-3 Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the building permit. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved. 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes, Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman – yes.

*** **REVIEW LAWCARE BIDS** Board reviewed. Mr. Holman made a motion to approve Howe. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved. Ms. Carney – yes, Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman – yes.

7:45 MEET WITH ROAD AGENT GENE CUOMO

- **Cistern** Mr. Cuomo stated that the dirt has eroded. Ms. Carney stated that she has no problem living without it. Mrs. Silverman stated that we have alternate water. Mr. Cuomo suggested filling it in. Mrs. Silverman made a motion to fill in the cistern by the Town Hall. Mr. Holman seconded. Approved.
- Mr. Cuomo stated that he has been holding off until he talks with the Selectmen about additional rock for the wet areas on roads. Mrs. Silverman said to wait another week. Board decided to have the roads posted one more week.
- Mr. Cuomo discussed the roofing bids. Mr. Holman made a motion to go with Johnson Roofing Co. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved 3-0.
- **Moderator** The Board and Mr. Cuomo discussed the procedure during the Pipeline meeting.

*** **LETTER FROM STATE OF NH – RED LIST BRIDGES** Board reviewed.

*** **LETTER FROM DES**

-Wetlands violation Map 7, Lot 41 Ms. Carney stated that we are unaware of where the complaint came from. Ms. Carney stated that the letter addressed violations of dredging, digging into wetlands, and animal wastes leaching in the brook. Ms. Carney stated that we will keep an eye on it.

*** **INVOICE FROM CHAMPION OVERHEAD DOOR** Ms. Carney stated that the additional \$2344.00 will be paid half from the Fire Department and half from the Ambulance Department. Ms. Carney stated that the total will be \$6105.00.

*** **PSNH POLE LICENSE** Ms. Carney stated that the letter from Eversource states that the pole is located on Rindge Road. Ms. Carney stated that Fitzwilliam does not have a Rindge Road. Ms. Carney stated that we need verification before the Board can approve this license.

**** **SECRETARY FOR THE SELECTMEN** Board will look at applicants for Secretary for Selectmen over the next week and make a selection of the best 4 to 5 applicants for interviews. The Board will draft questions to be asked during interviews.

*** **DISCUSS PRIME WETLANDS STUDY** Mrs. Silverman said that she had spoken with Mr. Kotila in reference to the Conservation Commission's reluctance to get involved in this project. Mrs. Silverman stated Mr. Kotila sent her some samples, one being based on Chichester. Mrs. Silverman stated that it has raised some questions. Mrs. Silverman suggested creating a

subcommittee to take some pressure off of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Holman suggested having one representative from each body of water.

REVIEW:

*** **VARIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES** The Board will send the Agriculture Committee a letter for a member status update. Ms. Carney made a motion to appoint Amanda Excel to the Agriculture Committee. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved 3-0.

8:00 PUBLIC MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM KINDER MORGAN Mr. Cuomo explained the procedures for this public meeting. Mr. Lucas Myer, representative from Kinder Morgan, introduced himself and stated that Kinder Morgan does not drill, and does not sell, and that Kinder Morgan currently operates 80,000 miles of gas pipelines. Mr. Lucas Myer showed the public and power point presentation, pointing out the locations of distribution centers. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that this pipeline is currently operating at maximum capacity and that there is a need for the proposed pipeline. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that the infrastructure has not kept up pace to meet demands. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that the application process show a need and stated that the gas will be sold in New Hampshire through the list of LCD's shown on the power point. Mr. Lucas Myer explained that the pre-filing process contains outreach and education and that right now everything about the proposed pipeline project is just lines on paper with a goal of the winter of 2018. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that it is a comprehensive regulatory process. Mr. Lucas Myer discussed the FERC process and the map of the proposed route, stating that the route will for the Eversource transmission lines. Several citizens spoke up and asked Mr. Lucas Myer to slow down with the slides from the power point presentation. Mr. Lucas Myer mentioned scoping hearings and a follow up the open houses. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that Kinder Morgan will work with the community. Citizens laughed in response.

Mr. Cuomo opened the floor to questions.

Nancy Nye asked how often with Kinder Morgan monitor the line.

Mike, a representative from Kinder Morgan stated that the pressure line is constantly monitored with automatic shut downs. Mike stated that there will be valves every 10 to 20 miles and that aircraft will fly the line every few weeks. Mike stated that there will be smart tool x-rays inside of the line.

Martin Nolan stated that natural gas is lighter than air and asked why the proposed route will be by the tension lines.

Mike answered stating that Kinder Morgan will share existing easement and it is there goal to co-locate.

Dana Pinney asked if Kinder Morgan will pay Eversource for the use of the right away and what those negotiations would look like, and also how would the easement be transferred to Kinder Morgan.

Mike answered that Eversource acquired the easement and Mike questioned a transfer and stated that it would be case by case. Mike explained that Kinder Morgan utilizes easements and also purchases a permanent easement of 50' with rights to cohabitate with Eversource and this would be an overlap.

Dana Pinney asked how it is going with Eversource.

Mikes stated that overall, Kinder Morgan's underlying fee is with the property owner and that since January Kinder Morgan and Eversource have had several meetings. Mike also stated that the location of the lines and pipe will not have machinery close to the high voltage lines.

Chris Silvia stated that he lives on Scott Pond and asked how the lines will go through the water.

Mike answered that the lines will span the water and that there would be surface trenching. Mike stated that Kinder Morgan will be evaluating with the landowner to get below the water, but that they could not be sure. Mike stated that Kinder Morgan proactively accesses the liability.

Chris Silvia asked if the easement would have an effect on snowmobilers.

Mike answered that Kinder Morgan's underlying negotiations will be with the landowner.

Stephanie Scherr asked how will Kinder Morgan maintain easements and if Kinder Morgan would use chemicals and if so, how will they address these chemicals.

Mike answered that Kinder Morgan will not use chemicals but will use herbicides inside the fenceline.

Stephanie Scherr asked if these chemicals would be sprayed by air.

Mike answered that Kinder Morgan will not spray by air.

John Hunt stated that he is an effected landowner and stated that there are two sets of power lines and asked where is the pipeline going.

Mike said that Kinder Morgan is studying the center strip and currently surveying it. Mike said that this is on the table right now with Eversource and that by the fourth quarter of this year they will have answers. Mike stated that Kinder Morgan will sit down with landowners and show landowners the plan that shows the specific design.

Priscilla Bordon stated that if there is any blasting, how is Kinder Morgan going to protect her house.

Mike stated that there will be blasting along the line and mentioned trench blasting. Mike said that Kinder Morgan will survey wells, septic systems, foundations for blasting baseline data and that all of this will be in writing based upon the specs.

Connie Porter stated that ISO stated the energy usage needs for 2013 and 2014 and ISO predicts a 1.1% annual growth through 2022. Mrs. Porter stated that the need to build a pipeline is hard to prove and suggested moving the proposed pipeline into Canada where the natural gas is going to be used. Mrs. Porter asked if this proposed pipeline is really for profits or needs.

Mr. Lucas Myer stated that there has been a lot of power generation lost and that we do not want any coal. Mr. Myer said that an increased capacity will help generators.

Connie Porter asked where is the bulk of the natural gas going to go.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered that there is a need in this region that Kinder Morgan is trying to help solve and that there is no silver bullet and that Kinder Morgan has to prove there is a need. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that regulators decide if there is a need.

Connie Porter asked where is Kinder Morgan's market.

Mr. Lucas Myer stated that Liberty Utilities has wiggle room.

Connie Porter asked is ISO saying there is a problem.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered yes.

George Oulette said FERC has never turned Kinder Morgan down, is that correct.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered yes.

George Oulette asked if Kinder Morgan is posing their will in each town and if 60% of people say no to the proposed pipeline will Kinder Morgan go around us and impose their will on us and will Kinder Morgan overrun the government through FERC.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered that Kinder Morgan does not proposed projects to FERC that they kind will not get approved, Kinder Morgan only presents FERC projects that they think they can get approved. Mr. Myer stated that it isn't perfect for everyone, but that they are trying to meet the needs.

Rick Warden stated that the silver bullet is energy conservation and asked if this is a business decision for Kinder Morgan and is it 16 million for the life of the pipe.

Mr. Lucas Myer stated that the pipe will depreciate.

Rick Warden said that if you do the math, there is no benefit and asked if there will be any training.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered yes.

George Oulette stated that the FCC cannot look at the application until it has gone through FERC.

Mr. Lucas Myer said that FERC will look at the State boxes first and it is subject to change.

Mike said that FERC could issue a certificate first and that one is subject to the other.

George Oulette asked if there will be a power plant on Scott Pond.

Mike answered that he is not aware of any but that there are power generators.

Erik Durmer asked if there are any company subsidiaries of Kinder Morgan.

Mr. Lucas Myer stated not to his knowledge.

Erik Durmer asked Mr. Myer and Mike to sell us why (we need this pipeline).

Mr. Lucas Myer said that both project, this one and the Spectra project are because of different geographic areas.

Suzanne Gray stated that there is a mistrust with Kinder Morgan and that during a Planning Board meeting a third line was talked about and that Eversource's attorney told the Planning Board members that there has been no talk of easements with Kinder Morgan. Ms. Gray asked what is Kinder Morgan going to do to protect our Citizens if there is an explosion.

Mr. Lucas Myer stated that Kinder Morgan outperforms in the industry and that their pipelines are the safest and that Kinder Morgan is committed to working with local emergency respondents and helps with equipment. Mr. Myer said that there are controlling monitors and an electric current running over the pipeline. Mr. Myer said that Kinder Morgan works with local and federal government and that they provide resources and knowledge to the local Fire Departments.

Suzanne Gray asked about the different thickness of the pipeline by population density.

Mike stated that the pipeline will have different thickness of steel by area population and that third party errors and impacts is an issue.

Jim Rogers asked if there is a 950' burn zone and that there will be 115,000 volts down the pipeline.

Mike answered that this is no standard formula but protocols are put into place and that the response time is immediate due to the automatic shut off.

Heather Shaffer asked if her property value goes down what is her compensation.

Mike answered that there is no direct compensation. Mike added that the prices of property at the edge of current easements are selling at prime.

Mike Swartz asked what percentage of Kinder Morgan's proposed projects cannot get done.

Mike answered hundreds of projects never gets to the filing stage.

Patricia Toomey asked if there is drilling by water how will that be compensated.

Mike answered that Kinder Morgan is currently researching the data on aquifers and will do a ground study on these waters and that will dictate construction.

Hiel Lindquist asked if Liberty Utilities is owned by Al Conkwin and is it new gas.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered yes.

Martin Nolan stated that if Kinder Morgan ran lateral lines, Keene would be the only area to benefit and that there would be less opposition there.

Mr. Lucas Myer said that Liberty Utilities bought NH Gas and this opens up the possibilities and that Kinder Morgan wants to follow the existing infrastructure.

Suzanne Gray stated that there will be no fingers of this proposed pipeline because the natural gas is going straight to Dracut (MA).

Mr. Lucas Myer stated that Kinder Morgan won't have fingers but Liberty Utilities may and could. Mr. Lucas Myer stated that he does not work for Liberty Utilities but with this proposed pipeline, the possibility exists.

Erik Durmer stated that Liberty Utilities can't just put these fingers on the pipeline.

Mr. Lucas Myer discussed the Amherst station.

Frank (did not state last name) asked where is the origin.

Mr. Lucas Myer answered Pennsylvania.

Frank asked about fracking.

Mike stated that there will be on fracking here because there is no natural gas in New England.

Valerie Gill asked if Marcellos is from Pennsylvania.

Mike answered yes.

Anna Goettle asked why Kinder Morgan chose us when the Massachusetts route stopped.

Mr. Lucas Myer stated that this route is not abandoned.

Mike stated that the Greenfield route is undisturbed and is a shorter route to Dracut and Kinder Morgan wants to collocate.

Stephanie Scherr asked what is done with pipelines that are abandoned.

Mike answered that the pipelines go through a decommissioning process yet the best way is to remove the pipeline and fill, or cap the pipeline.

Christopher Holman stated that New Hampshire raised twice as much electricity and sells off to Massachusetts. Mr. Holman expressed his concerns about the magnetic induction with the pipe along the electric lines.

Mike stated that additional techniques are used to keep moisture off the pipe.

(Woman did not state her name) asked if all the pipeline are running through New York, why is New York electricity costs high.

Mike stated that it is the mega- watt hours with the overall bill.

9:45 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Hill

Ms. Nancy Carney, Chairman

Mr. Christopher Holman

Mrs. Susan Silverman

Board of Selectmen